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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Amy Loogatha

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Birth date: circa 1942

Birth place: Dulkawalne - Bentinck Island

Language: Kayardild

"I remember getting a message that Aunty Sally Gabori was coming over to Bentinck to show us something. She brought one of her paintings and gave it to Ethel. It was beautiful. So we decided that we would follow Sally and paint too. I got a shock when I went to the Art Centre and saw all my sisters and Aunties painting. Now I paint with them.

"I was born behind Nyinyilki on Bentinck Island. I remember when I was small and planes used to fly overhead we used to run and hide in the mangroves. It was fun playing and growing up on Bentinck as small girls but that soon changed when they came and took us away and dumped us on Mornington Island on 1946.

"Life was very hard in the dormitory. We were fed flour with weavels in it, we had to bathe in saltwater and our clothes were made out of rough material like the canvas we now paint on. I went out to the mainland to work for a few years on stations before coming back to Mornington and having children.

"When our landrights came it was great to be free of Mornington Island and return to our home. I took my grandchildren with me to show them their traditional country and to live on our homeland once again."

Exhibitions

2019 Mornington Island to the Mornington Peninsula, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2017 CIAF - Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - Curated Exhibition: Family Values

2017 CIAF Indigenous Fashion Performance - Wandan (Future)

2016 Land of All - Dulka Wangiid - Art Mob, Hobart Tasmania

2016 CIAF - Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

2015 My Island Home - Alcaston Gallery

2015 CIAF - Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Market

2015 Currents: Trends & Movements in Queensland Indigenous ArtCentres Exhibition - Cairns Tanks Gallery

2015 International Womens Day Exhibition - Tanks Art Gallery

2014 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - MI Art & Alcaston Gallery

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2013 Kinship - A Celebration of Fine Arts from Far North Queensland Indigenous Art Centre - Tanks Art Centre, Cairns

2012 Artists from BI & MI Qld - Alcaston Gallery

2011 Korea International Art Fair - Seoul, South Korea

2011 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - MI Art & Alcaston Gallery

2009 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - MI Art & Alcaston Gallery

2007 Bentinck Island Artists featuring Netta Loogatha - Alcaston Gallery

2007 Above and Beyond - Micheal Reid, Caruana & Reid Fine Art

2007 Painters of Bentinck Island - RAFT Artspace, Alice Spring

2007 Painting Up Country: New Art Form The Mornington and Bentinck Islands - KickArts Contemporary Arts, Cairns

2006 Sally Gabori & Introducing the Bentinck Island Art Gang - Grantpirrie Art Gallery, Redfern

2006 Big Ones Little Ones - Boomali, Sydney

2006 Bentinck Island Project - Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Queensland

Collections

The National Gallery of Victoria, Victoria

Bibliography

2006 Bentinck Island Project Catalogue

2008 The Heart of Everything - book published by McCulloch & McCulloch

2007 Blak Roots Catalogue - KickArts Contemporary Arts

2009 Contemporary Fine Aboriginal Art Catalogue - Red Dot Gallery, Singapore